



Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Statewide Framework for Preventing Child Maltreatment Project Sketch

Goal:

Increase the effectiveness, alignment, and coordination of existing child maltreatment prevention efforts and identify new opportunities to support the resilience and wellbeing of vulnerable children and families to decrease the incidence of child maltreatment in Indiana.

Why the Children's Commission should lead this work:

Preventing maltreatment is a multi-faceted undertaking that equates to building the resilience of families and supporting the wellbeing of our most vulnerable children and their parents and caregivers. This is not the job of a single state agency or entity. Each agency represented on the Commission has a role to play, alongside the nonprofit community, the faith community, businesses, and citizens. The Commission is ideally positioned to convene all of the key stakeholders and move Indiana forward in the prevention of child maltreatment.

Project deliverables:

1. Statewide framework that includes agreed-upon values, outcomes, indicators, and strategies aligned with the state's priorities for child safety and wellbeing.
2. Toolkit that local communities can use to innovate and customize their efforts to prevent child maltreatment and build resiliency of families in alignment with the overall framework.

Project Steps:

1. Convene state partners to:
 - a. Identify shared values
 - b. Identify priority outcomes
 - c. Identify available data sources and indicators to measure the outcomes
 - d. Identify available programs and resources that play a role in achieving the outcomes
 - e. Identify a small group of pilot counties or regions
2. Convene local stakeholders in pilot counties to:
 - a. Provide feedback on statewide values, outcomes, indicators, and interventions
 - b. Identify access points for parent data collection
3. Gather data from parents and caregivers on family and community needs and supports
 - a. Surveys
 - b. Focus groups
4. Reconvene state partners with pilot county stakeholders to:
 - a. Review parent data
 - b. Review and finalize framework of values, outcomes, indicators, and strategies
 - c. Identify gaps and potential policy recommendations

5. Finalize framework and toolkit
6. Disseminate framework and toolkit

Project Cost and Timeframe

A detailed proposal is being developed. Best current estimate is a cost of \$50,000-75,000 and a timeframe of approximately 18 months. Potential sources of grant funding are being explored.